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NOTE FOR NIO/CONVENTIONAL FORCES

Dan:

STAT I am not sure I have been as thorough as I should have been in keeping you posted on a question raised with me by Bruce Clarke recently. I attach a memorandum I did covering my conversation with Clarke and a response from me to Clarke after consideration of the problem by [] whom I gather was in touch with you in the process.

STAT In addition to all this, I had a discussion today with [] concerning the new WSSIC Committee and how it should face up to future tasks. It seems quite clear that the Committee should find room for study of conventional weapons developments. This can be done either by instigating outside research in response to tasking by government agencies or through increased attention to this problem within existing line components.

STAT [] does want to begin focusing attention in these areas, but as he points out WSSIC responds to national tasking which in turn must relate to some priorities.

Requirements which may exist in this field are certainly a responsibility of yours, and I leave to you to follow up as you see fit. For what it is worth to you, there are a group of old OSR memos written by Bruce Clarke at the time of his departure from the Agency in the summer of 1973 in which he pointed to the need for special research in the conventional weapons arenas. You might want to ask OSR for copies. They may be useful to you.

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